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Volker Heinrichs, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following Amendment be considered prior to examination of the above-cited application.

The following correspondence is submitted herewith:

- a) Marked Copy of the Relevant Portions of the Specification.
- b) Marked Copy of the Amended Claims.
- c) Courtesy Copy of the Claims as Amended to facilitate review by the Examiner.
- e) Transmittal.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the indicated paragraphs with the paragraphs that follow:

Page 20, lines 12 through 24.

As described in more detail below, in accordance with the present invention, polynucleotide sequences which encode novel interferon-alpha homologue polypeptides, nucleotide sequences (*e.g.*, subsequences) that encode fragments of interferon-alpha homologue